

Dear Montgomery County Council Members,

I am asking that you do not enact a vaccine passport program in Montgomery County. This program will have grievous effects on businesses and community life here in our county and little positive outcome. I ask you to consider the following points:

- *The program will not deter the spread of Covid, since vaccinated individuals will still be able to transmit the disease.

- *The false sense of safety created by such a program will likely lead to an increase in transmission as vaccinated persons relax their guard.

- *This program creates additional enforcement and implementation burdens on small businesses that are already struggling due to the ongoing economic impact of the pandemic.

- *People who oppose this program will choose to or be forced to take business outside county lines further hurting the local economy.

- *Establishing a segregated class in Montgomery county will encourage persons to move away from the area (or not move here at all).

- *Creating this segregated class also undoes strides in civil rights and freedoms.

I thank you for taking the time to consider these points.

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